MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to move that the Bill be taken up for consideration.

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

PRESIDENT: The question before the House is that clause 1 do stand part of the Bill.

The motion was passed and the clause added to the Bill.

Clause 2.

The question before the House is that clause 2 do stand part of the Bill.

The motion was put and carried and the clause added to the Bill.

The question that the Preamble and the short title do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to move that in clause 1, line 2, for the figures '111', the figures '1114' be substituted.

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: I second it.

The question was put and carried.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to move that the Bill be now passed.

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE FACTORIES BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I may be permitted to move certain amendments of which I have given notice one which I move now is only formal. In clause 1, line 2 for the figures '111' substitute the figures '1114' and for the word on in sub-clause 3 substitute the word 'at once.'

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: In clause 34, para (1), substitute the words "fifty-four" for the words "forty-eight and substitute the word "sixty" for the words "fifty-four."

I have explained to the honourable members of this House the absolute necessity for retaining these figures in the Bill. We should have a factory law which is on a party with factory laws now in force in Cochin, and other Indian States as well as in British India. The arguments are fully before the House. Hence I move the amendment for the acceptance of the House.

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: I second it

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: Sir, I oppose it.

PRESIDENT: Before honourable members go further I must say that I think it will be the duty of Government to withdraw the Bill, if these amendments are not passed. The one result of the amendment not being passed is, that most of the factory owners will be under the

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temptation to shift their business from Travancore to Cochin to British India, and with the present industrial programme of the Government, there is no hesitation in saying that we cannot allow this to take place. All over India it is a fifty four hours week and if it is only 48 hours in Travancore, no person will have a desire to establish a new factory or do work here. If he goes just 10 miles beyond, he can get better terms. If the honourable members of the House think that there must be 48 hours week, Government will be forced to withdraw the Bill and the country will have to work with the present bill.

The amendment before the House is that in clause 34, para 1, the words "fifty four hours" be substituted for the words "forty-eight" and "sixty" for the words "fifty-four."

The motion was put and carried.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, in clause 45, sub clause 1 (*b*), substitute the word and abbreviation "6 A. M. and 6 P. M." for "7 A M. and 5 P. M."

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: I second it.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: I appose the amendment. The amendment has already been passed by this House. On its merits also, no inconvenience could be caused to employers by beginning the work at 7 A. M. and closing it at 5 P. M.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: I also oppose the amendment.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: If there is any opposition to this amendment, I shall be content with the decision of the House already arrived at on the matter.

The amendment was not pressed.

Now I beg to move that the Bill as amended be passed.

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: I second it.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the House is that the Bill, as amended, be passed.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE CRIMINAL LAW (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to move that for the figures "11" appearing in clause 1, the figures "1114" be substituted.

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to move that the Bill be passed.

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was passed.

PRESIDENT: The House will now adjourn (at 12·15 P. M.) to meet again at 11 A. M. tomorrow.

A. GUNAMONY,
Secretary to the Sri Mulam Assembly.

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